

BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY NETWORK

MINUTES

**Bear Valley Unified School District
42271 Moonridge Road
Big Bear Lake**

**June 9, 2003
3:15 p.m.**

In Attendance:

Henriey Adame, Big Bear Youth to Youth	(909) 878-3302
Ruth Griffin, First 5 San Bernardino	(909) 386-7706
Elaine Holzer-Tennity, Hummingbird Project	(909) 584-7158
Kirk Hunt, Family Counseling Center	(909) 866-5721
Kelly Naylor, Family Counseling Center	(909) 866-5721
Pat Miller, BBCBA	(909) 585-9200
Mary Norman, BV Community Health Care	(909) 878-8261
Eddie Norris, DOVES	(909) 866-1546
Nance Nunes, SBCSS-State Preschool	(760) 386-7940
Tanya Perry, Healthy Start	(909) 585-6287
Sue Portman, Love, Inc.	(909) 878-3939
Elizabeth Ramsey, Lutheran Social Services	(909) 866-5070 X201
Kim Zyss, Operation Breakthrough	(909) 878-3302
Thomas Watson, Sheriff's Dept.	(909) 866-0106
Hana Nute, SCSS- Desert/Mountain Operations	(760) 244-6131 X206
Kam Lawrence, Co-op in the Pines, Bear Valley Community Nursery School	(909) 866-8780
Diana Hogan, SBCSS- State Preschool	(909) 866-4232
Tracy Walton, Co-op in the Pines, Bear Valley Community Nursery Schools	(909) 585-1786
Mary Jaquish, CBO Partnership/Children's Network – Chair	(909) 387-9074

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mary welcomed those in attendance. Self-introductions were made. Tammy is on vacation this month, so we have the tape player.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. May Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved with the following correction: Tanya Perrys' telephone number is (909) 585-6257. The minutes were approved as submitted with the correction as noted.

4. Guest Speaker – Sue Taylor, Children's Network – Fun In The Sun Summer Campaign

Mary introduced Sue Taylor the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinator from Children's Network.

Some of the highlights from Sue Taylors' presentation were:

She has been to this group before for the Child Abuse campaign in April, which ended the last day of April. The first day of May started the Safe Summer campaign. There are two focuses in the campaign driven by the Child Death Review team. The focus is on water safety/drowning prevention and leaving kids unattended in cars. Every summer there is too many instances where people are leaving their children in cars by accidents. This year have already had a couple of drowning accidents. She brought materials and they are on the counter for everyone to take. On water safety is a bright green brochure put together by the County Fire Department about staying cool this summer, drowning facts, home hazards, check lists, things in the bathroom, etc. Kids can actually drown in one inch of water, bathtubs, pools, and bodies of water. A Drowning Prevention Network was formed in San Bernardino County last year and they are just celebrating their first anniversary. Some data has been put together. It is amazing how many adults when finding a child in trouble forget to call 911, and that is a key issue.

It was mentioned that just because you give your children swimming lessons, they still need an adult with them and to be supervised. Swimming lessons are not the cure all, but they are good. The Sheriff's Dept. also put together the blue brochure. Samples were brought for everyone, if you need more materials give her call. On water safety, Derrick Dolphin came from the Apple Valley Fire Department.

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 The back and it belongs to them. It is their very own water watcher tag. You
 Then instruct them that whenever they go in or around water to give the tag to a
 Responsible adult that knows how to swim. That adult is then designated as a
 Water watcher. The kids are given permission to nag the adult similar to the seat
 Belt theory. If you are going to be a water watcher that is all you do, can't go
 Answer the door, telephone, get a sandwich, etc. If the adult has to leave, you
 Pass the water watcher tag to another adult or you take the child out of the water.
 As children are drawing and staying busy, then take the opportunity to explain
 to the parents and what the purpose of the water watcher tag is. The issue of
 leaving children in cars, General Motors puts out a brochure. She has available
 So when you sign in on the sign in sheet here, and they know of an
 activity in your area, they will e-mail you or call you to see if you are
 going to the event anyway. Then you will be asked if you don't
 mind to distribute the Safe Kids Summer campaign. Sue does care
 packages everyday through the mail. It is good for schools, PTA, schools,
 health and safety fairs, churches, boy scouts, girl scouts and anything
 where children or parents will be. Sue maintains an event calendar, and right
 now there are about 85 events that have already been identified and attended,
 all through September. They work on a grant and must report if reach the
 whole entire county, so by having a master events calendar will tell where
 we have been. Every year at the beginning of April or March, Sue and
 Susan Melanson make a trek out to Needles and take as much items
 as can, because at the river station they have lots of water safety issues.
 Some areas are forgotten in the high desert so it is very helpful for you to
 help get the information out. Really can't measure what is done or how
 many lives saved, but do think there is an impact on the children's' lives.
 The drowning deaths have decreased dramatically possibly due to getting
 the information out to the public. Last year there were 7 and years before
 that it were usually 14 or 15 a year. Sue can be reached at (909) 387-8966 for
 any event you need materials. More items have been ordered and will be
 in this Friday. Will be getting sunglasses, swirley straws, and boxes of 4 crayons
 to use with the water watcher tags or color books, plastic cups, etc. If don't

have a budget to copy, we can do it. Any questions?

5. Handouts and Round Table Discussion

Mary Jaquish of CBO/Children's Network reported: Mary referred everyone to the funding opportunities from the Resource Information sheet. She also shared the Juvenile Hall survey conducted through Children's Network, ELO (Early Learning Opportunities) federal grant. There is lots of interesting information from the adolescents whom were surveyed. This survey can be downloaded from the Children's Network web site www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/childnet.

From July, 2002 to July, 2003 the collaborative members received information on grant funding totaling \$725,000 which totaled 350 opportunities. There were 200 letters of inquiry written by agencies in San Bernardino County. Mary asked the members if they needed any assistance in writing grants, to contact her for an appointment at (909) 387-9074. Target stores have a grant, but will not fund any area in the county that does not have a Target Store, since they are community focused. This grant would not be applicable to Big Bear, since they do not have a Target store. Mary mentioned she is working with some Board of Supervisors staff to get a Lowes or Target store in the Big Bear area.

Tanya Perry of Healthy Start reported: Tanya mentioned that small agencies do not have the funds to pay a grant writer. Most grants require the "new and improved" applications/reports. She has checked with some funders, but they were not interested in helping them to sustain their current programs funded by grants.

Ruth Griffin of First 5 San Bernardino reported: The last Strategic Planning Meeting in Big Bear is on June 26th. The needs will be identified and a plan will be developed to address the needs. So far 56,000 Parenting Kits have been distributed, please contact her if you need some to share with your clients. Ruth can be reached at (909) 386-7706.

Thomas Watson of the Sheriff's Department reported: The Sheriff's Department is always willing to promote services and distribute information to the public.

Mary reminded everyone to review their funding alert and other information distributed at the meeting.

Announcements: 1) The tape was not usable, so Tammy was not able to transcribe from it, 2) Do not forget the Healthy Start Community Family Fun Night at Meadow Park on September 8, 2003 from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., 3) Lutheran Social Services has a free bi-monthly support group for family/caregivers of frail, dependent older adults on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. – contact Eileen Hofer (909) 866-5070 4) First 5 San Bernardino has the Kelly Torres Center For the Enrichment of Our Children opened Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a variety of services and resources free to the public, for further information see your flyer and call First 5 San Bernardino (909) 386-7706,

and 5) Mary referred everyone to the handouts on the presentation from California Endowment and the helpful tips when you are applying for funding from the California Endowment.

6. Next Meeting: Will go dark in July and August.

**September 22, 2003
Parks and Recreation Community Room
41220 Park Avenue
Big Bear Lake, CA**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Tammy Williams, Recording Secretary
Children's Network**

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